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STOP ORDER NOTICE

27 August 2010

Tolo Ho-Ching, Owner
Samoa Springs
Nu'uuli, American Samoa 96799

Re: Deficiencies at the Water Bottling Facility

Dear Mr. Ho-Ching:

You are hereby ordered by the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) to immediately cease and desist from operating "Samoa Springs" until written notice from AS-EPA is given lifting this STOP ORDER NOTICE. This STOP ORDER covers all bottling, packaging, selling, distributing, and operations in general other than correcting the deficiencies listed below.

During visits on 16 and 25 August 2010, AS-EPA visited the Samoa Springs water bottling plant in Nu'uuli. Several deficiencies were found at the Samoa Springs plant. The bottling company is to remain shut down until the following deficiencies are corrected and written AS-EPA approval to operate the plant is given:

- The current Ozone pump/venturi has numerous leaks and must be replaced with an ozone injection system (pump and/or venturi) that operates at the normal operating pressures and flow rates. The existing method of changing the operating conditions by reducing the system pressure and flow rates is unacceptable. Ozone leaks are detrimental to the health of all persons exposed.
- Meet all DOH sanitary requirements including obtaining Health Cards for all employees as per August 12, 2010 DOH Food Establishment Inspection Form.
- Any and all bottled water stock produced since the beginning of the original DOH shut down notice period (beginning in July) shall not be sold. The wholesomeness of this product cannot be assured.

- Actively recall any and all bottled water sold or distributed since the beginning of the original DOH shut down notice period.

Immediate compliance with this order is required. AS-EPA looks forward to conducting a follow-up inspection of your facility after the deficiencies have been corrected. In addition, DOH will be notified once your facility is in full compliance with AS-EPA Safe Drinking Water laws and regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Christianera Tuitele, Acting Water Program Manager.

Sincerely,



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“Samoa Springs”– Water Bottles

